Amendments to the Drawings:

FIG. 4 is amended. Reference designation S has been added to the figure, indicating

the virtual struts that are discussed in paragraph [0016] and claimed in claim 8 of the

Specification as originally filed. A sheet showing the insertions and a new formal

drawing are attached.

FIG. 5 is amended. Reference designation I₁, indicating an imaginary line that bounds

the angle of structure θ , and reference designation I_2 , indicating the vertical imaginary

line that extends from the vertex V to the hub base 7, were added. A sheet showing the

added reference designations and a new formal drawing sheet are attached.

New FIGS. 14, 15 and 16 are added. FIG. 14 is an illustration of overlapping hub

elements 5, showing in greater detail the information shown in FIGS. 4 and 5. FIGS. 15

and 16 illustrate embodiments that were discussed in the Specfication as filed, but not

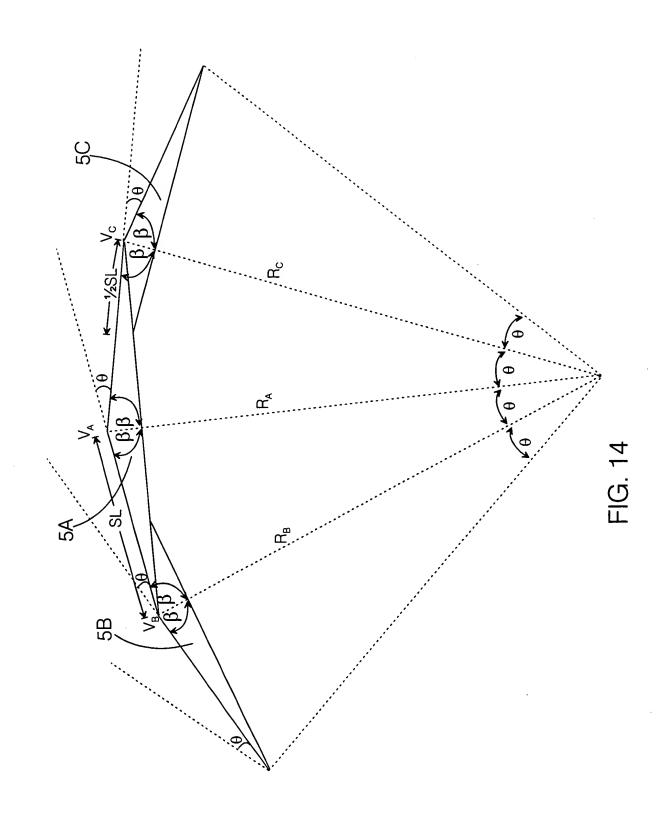
illustrated. Informal drawings are attached hereto.

No new subject matter has been introduced with these amendments, and Applicant

respectfully requests that Examiner enter these drawings into the present application.

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